

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
JULY 26, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Building Commissioner David Seger and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang and City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2005. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF W. 9TH STREET**

Phil Schroering, representing Schroering Plumbing and Heating, requested closing a portion of W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, by the hospital, on August 10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Schroering stated that he would like to make two street cuts, one from the north side of the street and the other from the south side of the street, in order to tap into the water and sewer lines. He said he could keep the center lane open at a width of 11 feet and would provide flagmen. There followed some discussion as to whether 11 feet would be wide enough and whether the job should be carried out in two days instead of one. Mayor Schmitt requested Mr. Schroering contact the hospital concerning the closure and to contact the street department again prior to commencing.

On **motion** made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Schroering Plumbing and Heating to close a portion of W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on condition Mr. Schroering notify the police, fire and street departments, Memorial Hospital and the news media and to keep an eleven foot-wide lane open to traffic. Motion passed 3-0.

**ARCHANGEL SUBDIVISION – PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE**

Evonne Schmitt, representing Michael J. Schmitt Enterprises, requested a reduction in the performance bond for the Archangel Subdivision. Mayor Schmitt informed Ms. Schmitt that Michael J. Schmitt Enterprises should present a subdivision release form to the various department heads for sign off. Building Commissioner David Seger advised Ms. Schmitt to have Michael J. Schmitt contact him if he has any questions. Ms. Schmitt said Michael does not want the reduction today; he only wants the request to go on record.

**STORAGE CONTAINER –GERMAN CLUB**

Dan Wehr, representing the German Club, sought permission to place an 8' x 20' storage container by their booth on the sidewalk on Main Street (between Fourth and Fifth Streets) during the Strassenfest. Mr. Wehr presented a diagram of where the container would be placed and explained that the sidewalk would remain open for

pedestrians and would not block access to Helming Bros.' business. Mayor Schmitt stated that exceptions, such as this, could be made during the Strassenfest.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to allow the German Club to place an 8' x 20' storage container on the sidewalk by their booth on Main Street (between Fourth and Fifth Streets) during Strassenfest on condition the container does not block the sidewalk and leaves enough space for Helming to access their building. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **INDIANA BICYCLE COALITION**

Dave Kunz, representing Indiana Bicycle Coalition, requested permission to use shelter house #3 at the Dave Buehler Plaza on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, 2005. He explained that the shelter house would be used for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday and as a rest stop for cyclists during Indiana Bikefest 2005 on Sunday.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the request of Indiana Bicycle Coalition to use the Riverwalk area and shelter house #3 on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, 2005. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **STOP SIGN FOR ANNEXED AREAS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a list of recommendations for stop sign changes or additions in the Green Meadows, Brookstone Estates, Diamond Ridge and Silver Springs subdivisions. He said the recommendations were the result of a site inspection he made along with Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle and Police Chief Rick Gunselman. He said most of these areas have been recently annexed and already have stop signs, but the stop signs are not in City ordinance.

City Engineer Hurm recommended that a one-way stop be placed at the following intersections:

Cypress Drive @ Evergreen Lane  
Savannah Drive @ Cypress Drive  
Sugar Cane Court @ Ladino Lane  
Bluegrass Lane @ Brescher Drive  
Anya Court @ Savannah Drive  
Ruby Court @ Sapphire Drive  
Topaz Court @ Sapphire Drive  
Ladino Lane @ Evergreen Lane  
Brescher Drive @ 400 West  
Skyview Drive @ 400 West  
Heather Court @ 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street @ Lechner Lane  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street @ Kluemper Road  
Summit Street @ Lechner Lane  
Summit Street @ Kaywood Lane  
Kaywood Lane @ Summit Street  
Marbury Street @ Summit Street  
College Avenue @ Meridian Road

City Engineer Hurm recommended a two-way stop be placed at the following intersections:

Pebble Drive @ Savannah Drive  
Sapphire Drive @ Brescher Drive  
Evergreen Lane @ Brescher Drive  
Gatsby Court @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Cambridge Court @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Kaywood Lane @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

There followed some discussion about a two-way stop at College Avenue at College Avenue which was recommended by Hurm. Police Chief Richard Gunselman recommended leaving the stop intersection as it is and to study the traffic flow. Since the College Avenue entrance from Meridian Road was recently constructed, board members agreed to review the College Avenue @ College Avenue intersection at a later date.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to recommend to the City Council the stop sign placements listed above as a result of the stop sign study, for the Green Meadows, Brookstone Estates, Diamond Ridge and Silver Springs subdivisions. Motion passed 3-0.

**716 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street** - City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the property at 716 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been removed and the ground graded and seeded.

**Meridian Road** - City Engineer Chad Hurm stated that Meridian Road is now open. Thomas Schmidt asked about ownership of the small triangular piece of ground at Maple Crest and Meridian Road. City Engineer Hurm responded that the City owns the piece of ground.

**LAP TOP COMPUTER**

City Engineer Chad Hurm requested permission to seek quotes for a lap top computer for the Engineering and GIS departments. There followed some discussion about the possible uses for the lap top computer. Hurm stated that he borrows the Storm Water Coordinator’s lap top, but sometimes that is already in use.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to give authority to the City Engineer to seek quotes for a lap top computer and then to review the request at that time. Motion passed 3-0.

**HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The name and property location receiving notice since the last meeting was as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Eike Bridge	805 Newton Street

**SELF-CONTAINED VACUUM LEAF COLLECTOR**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported on the quotes for the Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collector that were opened at the July 12, 2005 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Eckerle recommended accepting the low quote from The Old Dominion Brush Company for a 14-cubic-yard self-contained leaf collection unit.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the low quote of \$24,674.74 from The Old Dominion Brush Company for a 14-cubic-yard self-contained leaf collection unit. Motion passed 3-0.

**LIFT SYSTEM**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle sought permission to seek quotes for a 4-unit lift system for the garage. He said the system would cost approximately \$30,000.00 and the item was included in the budget.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies permission was given to the Street Commissioner to seek quotes for a lift system for the street department. Motion passed 3-0.

**Paving Update** – Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave a paving update. Phase 3 is scheduled to begin after the Strassenfest.

**SURPLUS LIGHT BAR**

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that he had received a request from the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department for the second light bar that was discussed at a previous meeting. He reminded the board that a surplus light bar was donated to the Marengo Police Department and the Jasper Police Department has another unusable light bar, which could be declared surplus. He recommended donating to a police agency rather than placing the item up for auction.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to donate a surplus light bar to the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department. Motion passed 3-0.

**POLICE REPORTS**

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented to the board for its review the following reports.

Jasper Police Department June Activity Report  
Jasper Police Department June Vehicle Maintenance Report

**COMPUTER TOWER**

Mayor Schmitt reported that the computer tower for the City Hall reception area had broken down and was replaced. He requested that the unserviceable computer tower be declared as junk in order to remove the item from the capital asset inventory.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to declare the City Hall receptionist computer tower, serial # CN633214, unserviceable and junked and remove from the capital asset inventory. Motion passed 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary